

° and 44°, the average (35%) being 14½° higher than on the corresponding day last year, and 1½°

lightly cooler, fair weather may be expected in
city and vicinity to-day; stormy Thursday.

CONTESTING HER RIGHTS AS WIDOW.

ES A MARRIAGE BY CONSENT HOLD GOOD IN ILLINOIS!

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (Special).—The woman who is she the widow of Charles A. Cowen, who killed herself and his mistress last January, and her mother, A. Kelsey, appeared in the Probate Court to-day to challenge the validity of the marriage. Interest centered the issue of what constituted a common law marriage. It was announced that the contracting parties to this marriage were the widow and her mother, who was her mother as husband and wife. This union took place in New-York City, where the law requires no ceremony to be performed, but accepts the statement of the parties as proof of legality of marriage. It was this point, after a marriage contract after that fashion in New-York would be recognized by the laws of the State, that led to attract general interest. The marriage was made on the 30th of January, a few days ago last January. No. 30 Clinton place, New-York, and soon after came, escaped the fact he married to him. She says on March 3, 1885, she called Anna Fish into her room in a house on Clinton place, as a witness, and in her presence she married her mother. She says she had signed bands, I asked him if he would be my husband I love me always. He asked me to be his wedded wife, and we were wedded and held our 'Yea.' We did together always after that." On cross-examination she said she was with the Dixie Adonis company as an actress, and a half year. The hearing is likely to be prolonged.

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MARRIED.—On Tuesday, February 27, 1896, at 10 o'clock, by Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist church, Mr. George Frederick Williamson to Annie Fiskwood, daughter of Stephen H. Fiskwood, all of this city. Cards.

DIED.

LITEN—In memory of N. Y., February 18, 1896, 1886, Lillian daughter of Oliver and Catherine H. Allen, aged 26 years and 6 months.

ARMSTRONG—At Greenville, N. J., January 23, John Armstrong, aged 85.

Funeral services are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, which will be held at half-past 7, from the residence of his son-in-law, George W. Campbell, 27 Columbia street, at Madison.

NOTICE.—County judges please open.

HALLS—As usual, on Friday morning, February 19, 1904.

COLUMBIAN, in connection with the celebration of the centennial anniversary will be held at St. Leo's Church, East 23d street, on Wednesday at 9:30 a. m.

BIDDINGTON—On Tuesday, the 23d inst., at his residence, 100 West 10th street, at 10 o'clock, by Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist church, Mr. George Frederick Williamson to Annie Fiskwood, daughter of Stephen H. Fiskwood, all of this city. Cards.

ice of funeral hereafter.

RES.—On Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, relatives and friends, also members of New-York Post office and New-York Volunteer Fire Department are requested to attend the funeral of the late **JOSEPH FOSTER**, in his 51st year.

Funeral from the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. **JOHN F. LANCY**, beloved wife of **MARCELO LOEB**, in his 88th year, funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. **GERHARD M. LANCY**, on Thursday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. as usual follows.

GRACE M. AL-SHERA MARY VILLA, California on the morning of Thursday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. as usual at Isaac L. M. Friedman, New-York City.

Funeral at **SWEDEN N. Y.**

JOHN J. HANCOCK, of **Brook, N. J.**, February 20, of heart disease. A. H. Oliver, in the 10th year of his age.

Funeral from the residence of his father, **JOHN J. HANCOCK**, at 10 o'clock a.m. at his residence, **LAUREL BROOK, N. J.**, at 10 o'clock p.m. at the Baptist Church, Laurel Hill, between 21st and 34th avcs., New York.

RES.—On Sunday, February 21, inst., **FRANCIS PAREZ**, in

neral will take place from his late residence, 227 Clinton-
ve., Brooklyn, at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

FRED—On Tuesday, February 23, at his late residence, 8 Washington, Stamford, Conn., the Rev. Seth W. Fitch, pastor of the First Congregational Church, officiated over the remains and friends of this family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Stamford, on Thursday, 26th inst., at 2:30.

MITE—Sunday, at Staten Island, February 23, Frederick White, son of Harriet D. and the late Fredrick Mite, died at the age of 7 years.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence Thursday 25th inst.

The body will be waiting at West Brighton on the arrival of the 1:45 boat from New York, North Shore Ferry, Whitehall-st.

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Letters and parcels not being sent ending February 27 will close OFFICIALLY in all cases at this office as follows:

AMSTERDAM: At 7:30 a. m. for Europe, per s. s. *Kona* via Southampton and Harwich; at 8 a. m. for France direct, per s. s. *Amerique* (letters must be directed "per *Amerique*").

BRUSSELS: At 8:30 a. m. for Europe, per s. s. *Germania*, via Queenstown; at 1:00 p. m. for Italy, per s. s. *Albatros*; at 1 p. m. for France direct, per s. s. *Amerique* (letters must be directed "per *Amerique*").

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PARIS: At 8:30 a. m. for Europe, per s. s. *Germania*, via Queenstown; at 1:00 p. m. for Italy, per s. s. *Albatros*; at 1 p. m. for France direct, per s. s. *Amerique* (letters must be directed "per *Amerique*").

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10:45—At 8:30 p. m. for Turks Island and Hayti, per s. a.

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ills for the Society Indians, p. 100. (Circular from San Francisco), close here February 21, at 4 p. m. Mails for Australia, New Zealand, Sandwich, Fiji and Samoan islands, close here February 21, at 4 p. m. Circulars close here

ands, per s.s. Australia, (from London), close here March 23, at 3 p. m. Mails for China and Japan, per s.s. San Pablo (from San Francisco), close here March 24 at 7 p. m. Mails for Australia, New Zealand, Sandwich, Fiji and Samoan Islands, per s.s. Mariposa (from San Francisco), close here March 25 at 7 p. m. (on arrival at New York of s.s. Britannia with British mails for Australia). Mails for Cuba, by rail to Tampa, Fla., and thence by steamer from Key West, Fla., close at this office daily at 2:30 a. m.

The schedule of closing of Trans-Pacific mails is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit from San Francisco. Mails from the East arriving on time at

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 tached thence the same day.
 HENRY G. PEARSON, Postmaster.
 Post Office, New-York, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1888.